# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:982
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RANTHAMBORE NATIONAL PARK
AKHILESH YADAV

**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government are aware that due to irregularities and lawlessness in Ranthambore National Park, the animals are dying and number of tourists to the park are declining;

(b) if so, whether the Government are also aware of the misutilization of funds granted by World Bank for protection of environment and development of the said park;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the effective steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to attract tourists, protect animals, bring normalcy in the park and proper utilization of funds alongwith the action to be taken against the guilties, if any?

## Answer

MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R.BAALU)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) & (c) :. No such cases of irregularity in the assistance received from the World Bank under the India Eco-development Project have come to the notice of the Central Government.

(d) Central assistance under the schemes namely `Project Tiger` and`India Eco development Project` is provided to the State Government for the proper management of the Ranthambore Tiger Reserve which includes assistance for the activities related to protection of wild animals and development of habitat. Due to prevailing drought conditions in Rajasthan this year, the Central Government has provided an additional central assistance of Rs. 45.00 lakhs for providing fodder and water facilities in the adjoining villages of the Reserve, out of which Rs. 25.00 lakhs has been has been released as the first instalment.